



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter November 2020

President's Message

The last month has flown by and I did truly little photography. I have been trying to put Lightroom images onto an external drive so I can unload my computer's hard drive. This is a giant headache for me...if anyone can help me please send me an email. I want to get back to the fun stuff...taking photographs and playing in Photoshop. Larry and I are off to Zion next week so I should get my fix there.

I want to thank Tony Martindale for stepping up to be Tzar of Judging for the next year! Please help Tzar Tony by referring possible judges to him.

Our judge for November is Luis Escobar. He has judged for us in the remote past but now spends most of his time in Eldorado County, so it has been hard to secure his physical presence in Santa Maria. Luis is an ultra-runner and race director as well as professional photographer. I ran in one of his events at the beginning of October and got him to agree to judge for us again since he can do it remotely. His website is www.reflectionsphotographystudio.com. If you want more insight into Luis Escobar, I commend the book (on Amazon) "Born to Run" by Christopher McDougall. Luis and his younger day's exploits are featured prominently in this interesting read.

Stay safe and healthy,

Cheryl

Editor's Message

It was April and the club was not able any more to meet at its usual place; the pandemic was surging and the only possible way to meet again was via computer. At the beginning it was strange and scary due to my limited knowledge of the computer, but after the first time, I discovered that it was simple, and I had a really great time. I remember that at the beginning we were thinking that it was only a temporary short period but, unfortunately, the video meeting is still on and it's an unknown when things will get back to "normal". There is no question that from one side, this method is a little impersonal and I really miss to meet each other in person (and our break time). On the other hand, it is a great joy to have this possibility and I cannot say thank you enough to the people that work so hard to set up these meetings. I hope to see all our members participating and have the possibility to spend some time speaking together about what we love the most - all aspects related to photography.

Flavio

Message from Gregory Doudna

SMCC Web Site Updates

As we try to attract new members, the SMCC web site is a valuable resource for attracting new members. If you meet someone interested in photography refer them to our web site: <http://www.santamariacameraclub.org>

If you have not visited the web site lately, I encourage you to do so. Your web master recently spent many hours updating the site to more current versions of HTML5 and CSS3 code as well updating layouts. The site now supports Responsive Support for all the major browsers as well as being more responsive to a broader range of screen sizes for cell phones, tablets, and large desktop monitors.

The site highlights every month's winning images, those that are submitted for web site posting, all of our Galleon newsletters back to 2015, all our winning images by year from 2015, our activity calendar, a link to YouTube videos of all our recent virtual meetings (thank you Tony Martindale), and a growing section on club events. The site provides a lot of insight to the club's activities and opportunities to those who might be interested in joining.

Gregory

Program Meeting November 4

This month we will have a Show & Tell as the main program. This is the time to show your **Mindless** photos (*refer to the Field Trip page 6 in the October Galleon.*) There's still time if you have not done any. Be impulsive, reckless, trigger happy. Do not think about it, just point and shoot! Also, motivated by Tony's alternate process program last month? Try something new or different? We would love to see the results. No limit on images, decide what is appropriate yourself.

Also, since it is that time of year, feel free to show any (new or old) images of fall color, Halloween, Day of the Dead, turkeys, or pumpkins to get us in the mood. Please send your images to Greg at least one day prior gndoudna@gmail.com . If you are unable to send images in advance, or would like to show something on your computer, it is possible to share your screen as well.

At this meeting, we will hold our annual SMCC election for the new officers and 6 at-large board members for 2021. All our 2020 board members have been nominated for re-election. If there are no challenges, then we can vote by acclamation.

The slate of candidates is as follows:

President: Cheryl Decker

Vice President: Alan Upshaw

Secretary: Rosie Brancacio

Treasurer: Bill Hood

At-Large Board members: Nyla James, Penni Powell, Flavio Parigi, Patty Blythe, Elaine Calvert, Tony Martindale

Jeanne Sparks remains on the board as the Immediate Past-President.

Greg will send an email invitation prior to the start of the meeting. Please log on a little early, so we can start on-time at 7:00pm. Guests are always welcome. Please send an email to Greg.

Alan

OCTOBER COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Nic Stover

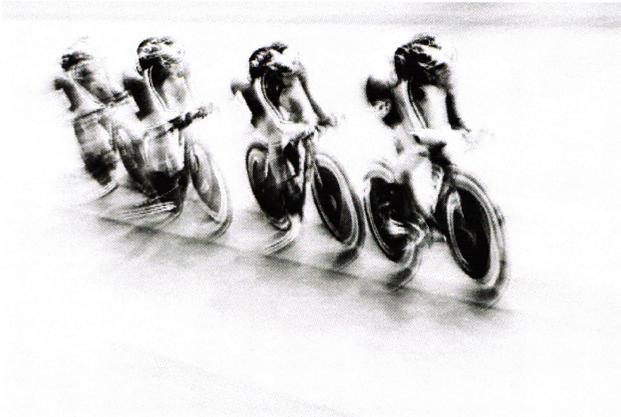
MONOCHROME DIGITAL IMAGES

1ST PLACE	Velodrome # 23	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Rock and surf	Chuck Uebele
3RD PLACE	Aspen abstract	Nyla James

COLOR DIGITAL IMAGES

1ST PLACE	One in a million	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Elk in a hurry	Nyla James
3RD PLACE	Field of tulips	Elaine Calvert
Honorable mention	Sunset riders	Penni Powell

Congratulation to everyone



By Jim McKinniss



By Elaine Calvert



By Chuck Uebele



By Nyla James



By Nyla James



By Elaine Calvert



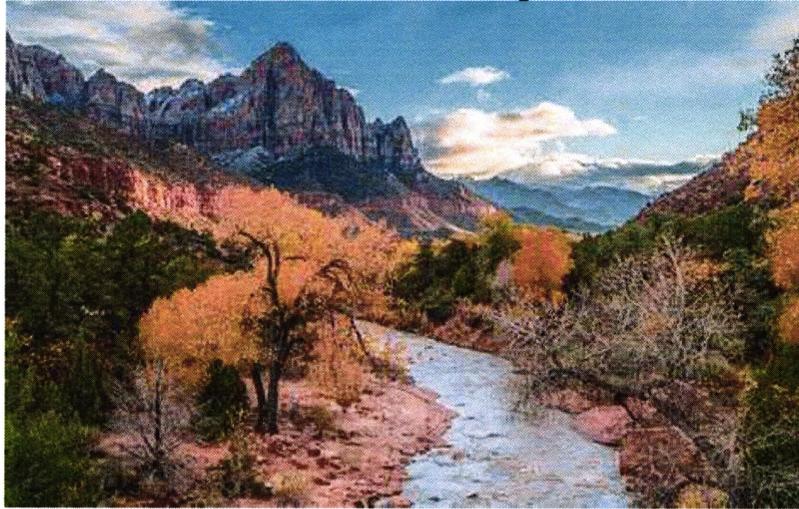
By Penni Powell

SMCC Field Trips for November 2020 by Penni Powell

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Please note: Bad weather or Covid 19 can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. ***Check your email for any updates.***

Nov 1st – 6th Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks See the flyer in the past Galleons for information on the camp/motel adventure for Fall color and landscapes. Cheryl and Larry Decker are joining Ed and I, and if nothing else, you can imagine us photographing in the evening from the Canyon Junction Bridge to get that classic photograph of the Watchman Mountain with the Virgin River below...



November – Solo Field Tripping: Photo Challenges

Check the internet for the many photo challenges of the month to inspire and keep our creative juices flowing. See the next page for one I found interesting from LADYANDTHEBLOG.COM.

Why Do This? Stay Safe, Stay Sane at home!
A Dr. Fauci approved activity for photographers during the pandemic.

and Beyond...

December – Solo Field Tripping: “Warm Glow” An idea for holiday shooting.

February 18th – 22nd, 2021 – Yosemite and Horsetail Falls Motel/camp in Yosemite Valley or motel in El Portal. Site see on the way back to the Central Coast: Fresno Blossom Trail, sandhill crane fly-in at Pixley Wildlife Refuge, etc. **More info to come in the Dec Galleon.**

March 19TH, 2021 (Fri 5:45 – 8:45pm) Point San Luis Lighthouse Sunset Photo Shoot - Rescheduled due to COVID-19. Thank you to Bob Mihelic!

31 PHOTO IDEAS FOR

November

- I am thankful for
- Thanksgiving decorations
- Pumpkin spice recipes
- Evening ritual
- First hot drink you enjoy of the day
- Fall outfit post
- Family portrait
- Travel inspiration
- Fall quote
- Acorns
- Table setting
- Cranberries
- Football theme
- Busy street / Isolated Street
- The harvest
- Chilly morning
- Positive vibes
- Looking above
- Your favorite spot to rest
- Your current book - what you're reading
- A quiet moment
- Fireplace
- Sunset / Sunrise
- My manicure
- Apple anything
- Something to celebrate
- Something on my mind
- Guilty Pleasure
- In the mirror
- The best thing about Fall

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USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
Location	Via WebEx due to the Covid problem If you want to participate, please contact Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email from Greg shortly after 6:45pm the evening of the meeting. Simply clicking on Join Meeting will connect you to this virtual video program meeting
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2020 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary Rosie Brancacio Treasurer: Bill Hood
At-large Board Members	Patty Blyte, Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2020 Competition Rules	Each member may submit a maximum of 2 total image submissions in any category per competition.
Categories will be:	Digital color Digital Monochrome
Immediate Past president	Jeanne Sparks
2020 Special Subjects	August – Night shots October – Intentional blur
Submit your images for digital competition to:	Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com Digital images can only be submitted by email. All the digital images <u>MUST</u> be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition
Galleon Director	Flavio Parigi fparigi@aol.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Webmaster	Greg Doudna
Digital Projectionist	Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Cheryl Decker
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Alan Upshaw
Refreshment	Joyce Bolivar
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Larry Decker
Meeting room setup	Everyone !!
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ
Field trips	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

- “The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera.”
— Dorothea Lange

Treasury Report

We have 44 members in our club and in our bank there is \$ 1,699.32